

QUESTION VINE!

They're shortly to light up the nation's university cities on NME's Term Warfare tour, and now to help you with that crucial Advanced Level exam in cool, here's our pass-notes on **The Vines**

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PATRICK MATTHEWS

Favourite current song

"Justin Timberlake – 'Like I Love You'."

Favourite reading matter

"Tony Wilson – *24-Hour Party People*."

Favourite current films

"*Chopper* and *Zoolander*."

Favourite item of clothing

"My maroon hoodie from LA."

Last email/text message

"It was a hoax virus."

What's in your pockets?

"Swedish Krona, Euros, Marlboro Lights and my little black book."

What side of the bed do you sleep on?

"We're all on the tourbus, so the middle."

First record bought

"GN'R – 'Appetite For Destruction'."

First girlfriend

"A girl called Samantha Maguire."

Favourite high

"Murder powder."

What can you cook?

"Scrambled eggs."

Who's your best mate?

"My brother."

Worst ever injury

"A broken collarbone."

Who's the most famous person you've ever met?

"Kirsten Dunst."

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

"I'd be easier on myself."

HAMISH ROSSER

Favourite current song

"Queens Of The Stone Age – 'No One Knows'."

Favourite reading matter

"George Orwell – *Down And Out In Paris And London*."

Favourite current films

"*Minority Report*, *Goldmember*."

Favourite item of clothing

"My 'Just Say No' T-shirt."

Last email/text message

"It was just two 'xx's'."

What's in your pockets?

"Wallet, tuning key and lip balm."

What side of the bed do you sleep on?

"The middle."

First record bought

"Happy Man" – The Greg Kin Band."

First girlfriend

"Louise Nock."

Favourite high

"Onstage or cliff jumping."

What can you cook?

"Stir-fry."

Who's your best mate?

"A guy called Hans."

Worst ever injury

"Ruptured spleen."

Who's the most famous person you've ever met?

"My hero, David Lee Roth."

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

"The ability to put my foot in my mouth."

RYAN GRIFFITHS

Favourite current song

"Coldplay – 'In My Place'."

Favourite reading matter

"*Chopper III*."

Favourite current film

"*The Blues Brothers* on DVD."

Favourite item of clothing

"My leather aviator jacket."

Last email/text message

"Am I officially insane or just a little loopy? I sent it to myself."

What's in your pockets?

"A guitar pick, some loose change."

What side of the bed do you sleep on?

"The middle."

What are you scared of?

"Fires."

First record bought

"AC/DC – 'Back In Black'."

First girlfriend

"Can't remember."

Favourite high

"Life."

What can you cook?

"A mean Bloody Mary."

Who's your best mate?

"Jesus."

Worst ever injury

"I broke both thumbs playing football."

Who's the most famous person you've ever met?

"Thom Yorke."

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

"My filthy, rotten feet."

CRAIG NICHOLLS

Favourite current song

"Hyper Chondriac Music' by Muse, it's on the 'Hullabaloo' compilation. It's a slowed-down version of 'Hyper Music' and it blows my mind, man. It's one of the greatest recordings."

Favourite reading matter

"*The Secret Life Of Salvador Dali*. That's really interesting. He's very far-out, so I can relate to him a bit and all his crazy abstract ideas. I find it hard to read on tour but I love Dali. I like to read about artists, bands... no surprises there really, huh?"

Favourite current films

"I haven't seen any new films for a while, I'm not really tuned into the current release schedule. But of all time... I saw *A Clockwork Orange* on the bus in America. I loved that so much. The *Kids In The Hall: Brain Candy* is really great. *The Breakfast Club* too."

Favourite item of clothing

"My long-sleeved Swervedriver T-shirt."

Last email/text message

"It was from a friend who's away from Australia right now. I'm not very good at that stuff, though."

What's in your pockets?

"A guitar pick. That's it."

What side of the bed do you sleep on?

"The middle."

What are you scared of?

"War, death, disease, vampires and monsters."

Are you like your star sign?

"I think so, maybe. I read it sometimes and think, 'Yeah, that could be me'. But I'm not superstitious. I think I'm Virgo."

First record bought

"Straight Outta Compton" – NWA."

First girlfriend

"That's really hard. I feel uncomfortable talking about it, so I won't."

Favourite high

"Just music. Nothing can lift you like that."

What can you cook?

"I can cook eggs in the microwave. I can cook sandwiches. That's all really, but you can survive on that if you have to."

Who's your best mate?

"Patrick and Ryan."

Worst ever injury

"I've never broken a bone but I fucked up my legs skateboarding when I was young. And I haven't got such a great back. I twisted it jumping onto a couch, that was some crack, probably the worst pain I've known. I've been lucky really, all told, because I'm pretty reckless."

Who's the most famous person you've ever met?

"Thom Yorke. We didn't speak for long but it was a real thrill because we're huge Radiohead fans. He was really friendly."

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

"My momentary lapses into extreme immaturity. I would like to be perfect. I'd like a new nose. Can I be taller, too?"

"I can cook eggs in the microwave, and sandwiches. That's all, but you can survive on that if you have to" **Craig**

The Vines (l-r: Patrick, Hamish, Ryan and Craig). Can you guess which one's scared of vampires?

PICK OF THE WEEK



NME TERM WARFARE TOUR FEATURING THE VINES/ NADA SURF/THE BANDITS



Kicking off our inaugural *NME Term Warfare Tour*, headliners The Vines (*pictured, top*) promise to deliver another startling performance, plus at least one new song in their set, along with all your favourites. How wild Craig Nicholls will become as the tour progresses is anybody's guess, but one thing's for certain; it's their last UK tour of the year, so do what you must for a ticket. Support comes from New York's melodic rockers Nada Surf (*below right*), and beguiling Coral-esque Scousers, The Bandits (*below left*). Join our annual autumnal assault when it hits Birmingham Academy (without Nada Surf) (October 24), Bristol Academy (26), Glasgow Barrowlands (27) and Manchester Academy (28).

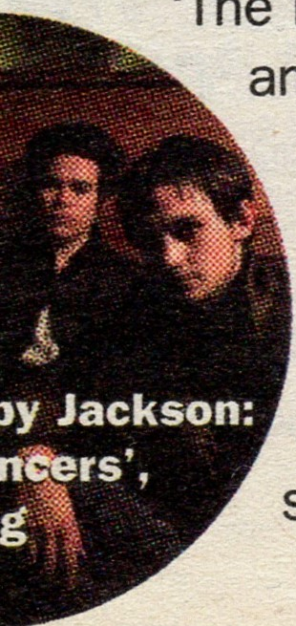
ON THE UP

Forgive the shameless plug but **THE VINES**-headlined *NME* Term Warfare tour kicks off this week. Be sure to turn in early doors to check out *On* faves **THE BANDITS** and **NADA SURF**. See *Gig Guide* for dates... ● Mighty Manics **OCEANSIZE**'s debut, 'Relapse EP', is out now via Beggars Banquet...

● **JESSE MALIN** releases his debut LP on Monday through One Little Indian records.

'The Fine Art Of Self Destruction' features Ryan Adams on guitar and production duties and – you won't be surprised to hear – sounds a lot like Ryan Adams... ● The new release shelves also play host to **DJ HELL**'s excellent 'Electronicbody' mix-CD (React Records)... ● And finally, expect pop-punk hi-jinx from **THE BRIEFS** at London Camden Dublin Castle (October 28) and London Camden Monarch (29) to promote their 'This Age' single (Crystal Songs) which is released a week on Monday...

The Vines: did we mention the *NME* Term Warfare tour?



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